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Your latest letter, received gratefully, yesterday, sure puts it on me heavy. The P.S. says, "Please write soon, that's an order." I guess you'll never make Armed Forces personnel. When an order is given it isn't used with the word please. The Army, I don't believe, ever heard of politeness. All orders are curt and short and

will be obeyed without question. In other words when I say you will write you have no other choice but to write. You'll notice I don't use please, or kindly. It's just a matter of do as I say.

Yes, I did get your latest pictures and must add they were rather terrific. At present I don't have any around but should I get some in the near future you shall certainly receive some.

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Love
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